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The Austrian Empire.

During the progress of the Crimean war, and until very recently, writers have been in the habit of styling the Turkish nation the "sick man of Europe" just as the Americans call Mexico the "sick man of America." But lately a "man" much worse affected than Turkey, has turned up. It is the Austrian Empire. Turkey suffered from a weakness in his legs and arms. Austria, although strong in his limbs, is suffering from a chronic affection of the chest. In other words, he is heavily in debt, and has not a florin with which to relieve himself; and fears are entertained that if a breach should be made in the walls of Venetia, death will speedily ensue.

"Austria is a State eaten up by its army. The empire is bankrupt to the lowest degree, without credit, pressed with taxation that leaves no residue to the tax-payer, pledges him for more than he has. Discontent bordering on revolt, is the national sentiment through all its dominions. No sign of well-being or contentment exists in it. But there is yet the tremendous array of armed men, that leave behind them nothing worth protecting, marshalled to obey a Monarch whose reign brings nothing but evil to all he rules over. Austria has arrived at the very climax of political absurdity, as well as political wickedness. It is impossible that this brute force, having no real root in the nations that must supply it with life, can continue what it is, a blind, self-acting machine for tyranny and plunder. It must go to pieces for want of repair.

A traveller who has just passed through Venetia tells the truth of this portion of the Austrian monarchy as soon as he gets out of it. He sees the army and nothing else. That occupies all the railroad conveyance. Its officers only fill the inns and sit at the tables d'hotel. The tramp of the soldiery is the most accustomed sound in the streets, the long march of columns is echoed for hours in the night. Villages, farms, cottages, are filled with the troops. The territory is not peopled but militarily occupied. For the young men flee to escape the conscription, so that a fine of 2,000 florins is, in the desperate vengeance of the ruling power, inflicted on the community from which any young man is absent himself, while every sign of getting a living by trade is met by the instant action of an arbitrary impost. An inn-keeper is charged five florins a day merely because it seems possible to screw so much from his receipts. Under such a rule no industry can exist. None but the helpless or half helpless are left, and for whom are they to till the land? For whom or for what would trade and manufacture create wealth? Venetia can give Austria no more. The body and soul of the land are consumed. The beautiful Venetia is a ruin with all its available points fortified for a combat of annihilation. The army must perish too if it had nothing but the soil it occupies to feed and maintain it. The richest province of the empire is literally sacked. Venetia being ruined, it being impossible that the locust swarm can subsist where it has eaten all, if it is forbidden to go forward it must be fed from the other Austrian States. But the public treasury has nothing. It is a matter of extreme woe, wonder how even now the money can be found to keep the bands together and furnish them with supplies. Perhaps the dethroned Dukes are expending their large savings in the hope that Francis Joseph may push his all-devouring horde onward into their lost territories. But millions will help only for awhile. Exiles' purses will soon be exhausted, and then how is the vast host of most wasteful consumers to be kept together? The debt of the Empire is 300 millions, as the Post most opportunely reminds those who might be inclined to stake anything on this insolvent estate. The rate of interest is naturally so heavy that out of the very meagre and hardly-raised revenue of this supposed great Power, it must now absorb more than two-fifths, perhaps nearer a half. I can hardly suppose that there are more than 17 millions left to meet the expenditure. Further borrowing is the only resource to keep up the outlay as it is. And who will lend? What financier or loanmonger will propose what will get him no answer but a horse-laugh.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS—Billious Disorders.—If there be any one medicine in the world that is really a specific remedy for all disorders of the liver, it is these far-famed Pills. Any irregularities of the system produced by too much or too little bile, or from the bile being of a depraved quality, are infallibly corrected by a course of this incomparable medicine, which rapidly corrects all the grosser humors of the body, purifies and improves the blood, clears the head, and gives lasting tone to the enfeebled stomach, enabling that organ so thoroughly to perfect digestion that the food completely assimilates, the blood is enriched, and every fibre of the body thus feels the wholesome influence of these renovating Pills.

Letter from Hope.

Hope, Jan. 2d, 1861. EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—We of this town have passed the holidays peacefully and pleasantly. Some of the "boys" got up some tall performances in the terpsichorean line on Christmas Eve. Great harmony and unbounded good humor prevailed, although the sport was rather "fast," and the liquors were of the variety known as skookum.

LECTURES. Messrs. Browning and Pringle have delivered some interesting lectures to our citizens on historical and miscellaneous subjects. It is hoped that the rev. gentlemen will continue in their laudable efforts during the remainder of the winter months. The lectures were able and listened to with attention; and listening to them is a pleasant and useful manner in which to pass these long evenings.

THE TAX ON BOATMEN. Petitions are in circulation here for signatures requesting His Excellency the Governor to abrogate the law requiring the boatmen plying between here and Lytton to pay one-half of one per cent. on their cargoes. It is thought His Excellency will grant the prayer of the petitioners, as the case of the boatmen is one of peculiar hardship. They derive no benefit from the fund raised by this tax; they pay another heavy tax at the "ways" in the cañon; they risk life and property at the most inclement season of the year, when the trails cannot be travelled. Many have expended considerable sums on boats, tarpaulins, tow-lines, etc., and can ill afford to pay this onerous tax on their industry. Another important consideration is the increased field of employment for many of our population who are now literally waiting on their oars.

THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY ACT. It is the opinion of many that the late proclamation called the "Southern Boundary Act" will work injury in the Cariboo district. That section of country is but little prospected as yet; the diggings, in miners' parlance, are "spotted" and difficult of access, and unless the miners can get provisions at living rates, they will be obliged to "clatawa," as they did last spring. But for the timely arrival of a few trains with supplies from the Dalles, few miners could have remained in the Quessnell and Cariboo country. Let the traders from the Dalles pay a just and reasonable duty; and if, with the superior advantages possessed by the traders of British Columbia, they cannot compete for the trade successfully, they had better sell out to somebody who can.

Trade is middling, the river is rising, and the weather is fine, but not cold enough to keep our streets from "sloshing about." A happy new year to you, etc., etc. Yours, as usual, NUF CED.

WAR PREPARATIONS.—The chance for a war between Austria, Piedmont, and probably France, next Spring, seems increasing. Garibaldi, in his farewell address, said that he should require 1,000,000 Italians ready for the field by the last of February—and Austria seems to be placing herself in an attitude of defence. Orders are said to have been received at Venice from Vienna, that no passports to Lombardy should be given except in cases of absolute necessity, to be clearly proved by the applicant. Persons have been arrested for wearing the rings called "tears of Italy," among them is a young lady of 17. Noblemen, besides, have been compelled to leave their country houses in order that soldiers may be lodged in them; only 24 hours were allowed them to remove, and they were told that if they had not left by that time their furniture would be thrown out of doors. The construction of bridges has been commenced, and other measures of precaution taken usual on the eve of war—such as the cutting down of trees and the prohibition to peasants to sow grain in fields likely to be required for camps. The Piedmontese Government, on its part, is on its guard, and making preparations.

In the summer buffalo hunt of the Red River Settlement, there were 500 men, 600 women, 680 children, 730 horses, 200 oxen, and 950 carts. In a run in which 220 hunters were engaged, 1,300 buffaloes were shot. At another place they killed over 1,000. While drying their meat and manufacturing pemmican, a herd of 250 came by at a trot, running their last race. They were all brought down and converted into pemmican.

COLLECIATE SCHOOL, VICTORIA, V. I.

AN EVENING SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, in charge of the undersigned, will at once be commenced for four Evenings in the week, offering the means of instruction in—

Reading, Writing, Ciphering. And the more advanced Branches of an English Education. Classes will also be formed for the Teaching of BOOK-KEEPING—Single and Double Entry. DRAWING—Line or Architectural, Figure or Landscape.

N. B.—Age of Admission not under 15 years. Hours—Half-past 6 till 9 P. M. TERMS—Average, \$5 per month, in advance. No School on Mondays and Saturdays. Apply at the School, between 9 A. M. and 12 M., to MR. E. JALLANDAINE.

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A fine assortment of POCKET DIARIES AND DAILY JOURNALS, For Counting House and Office use, just received and for sale at

HIBBEN & CARSWELL'S, Stationers' Hall.

FOR SALE.

500 BALS CALIFORNIA OAT HAY, 400 sacks Barley, 200 sacks Oats, 200 sacks Bran, In lots to suit. J. J. SOUTHWATE & Co., Wharf street.

CHARLES BARRETT, Portland, Oregon. DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF OREGON PRODUCTS, FURS, etc. Orders promptly executed, and the lowest prices charged. Refer to Capt. Hervey. Security given if required. 010-6m

EX VICKERY. 25 HALF-BASKETS DELBECK & BERGH'S Champagne, pony bottles, a choice article, 10 1/2 bbls Bower's XXX Bourbon Whisky, for sale by RYCKMAN & MARKS, Wharf opposite Yates street.

FOR SALE—TO LET.

TO LET OR LEASE. BRICK STORE, Corner of Douglas and Fort streets ONE OF THE BEST SITUATIONS for a Family Grocery; rent low. APARTMENTS OR SINGLE ROOMS Upstairs, rent \$8 per month each room (private entrance.) All rooms well and hard finished, with fireplaces and wash room attached to the building. Lot 35, 70 on Yates street below Douglas, with alley in the rear. Lot on Fort street next to corner of Douglas. Lot and Store on Humbolt street next to corner of Government. Small Cottage, 2 rooms, on Douglas alley corner of Douglas and Yates streets, rent, \$8 per month. Apply to C. VEREYDHEN, Brick Building, corner Douglas and Fort streets. Or to J. B. TIMMERMAN, Government street. d27 1m

A Desirable Residence. TO BE SOLD OR LET, ON REASONABLE terms, a two-story House and Lot, situated on the south side of Esq's Bay, near the residence of William A. Young, Esq. The House contains six rooms, thoroughly finished inside and outside. For further particulars, apply to L. LOWENBERG, Land Agent, Government street. d65 1m

TO LET, WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION, One of the best Stores on Wharf street. For terms, apply to MACDONALD & CO. d30

TO LEASE FOR A LONG TERM, A LOT ON LANGLEY STREET. Apply to W. CULVERWELL, Cor Langley and Yates streets. d27 1t

TO LET. THE LARGE ROOM IN THE REAR of Stationers' Hall, Langley Street, heretofore occupied by the "Victoria Gazette." Apply to HIBBEN & CARSWELL, Stationers' Hall. d29 1m

To Rent! To Rent! A FIREPROOF STORE. TO RENT—THE FIREPROOF BRICK STORE in the "Colonist Building," Government street, near the Post Office; will be rented low, if application be made at once. It is well fitted with Counter and Shelves for a Grocer or Dry Goods man. A. DE COSMOS. n3 21p

LD. LOWENBERG, REAL ESTATE AGENT. East side of Government st., bet. Yates & Johnson. WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO negotiating loans, and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.

Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing Homesteads, or making investments, will find on my Bulletin Board Town Lots on nearly every street; Farming or Gardening Land in every District; some of which afford a rare chance for investment. Conveyances, leases, &c., drawn up at reasonable rates. d28-1t

A. GILMORE, TAILOR.

Yates street, third door below Government street. HAS RECEIVED BY THE LATEST arrivals a large assortment of Custom-made WINTER CLOTHING

AND Gents' Furnishing Goods. With a well assorted Stock of Cloths, consisting of Pilot, Beaver, Cassimere, Fancy and Black Doeskin. Fancy Velvet and Silk Vest Patterns. Which I am prepared to make to order in the latest and most approved styles.

My Stock is wholly composed of Gentlemen's Goods, and my personal attention entirely devoted to rendering satisfaction to my patrons. The Tailoring Department connected with my Ready-made Clothing, enables me to sell the same quality of goods cheaper than any other establishment in Victoria.

Those parties desirous of durable and well fitting garments would find it advantageous to call. j32 1m

Dyspepsia, Fever and Ague, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Heart Burn, Water Brash, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Acidity, Flatulency, Jaundice, Change of Climate, Sick Headache, Loss of Appetite, Female Complaints, Oppression after Eating, and General Debility are rapidly, effectually and surely cured by the OXYGENATED BITTERS.

CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE. Mokehmo Hill, Cal., June 16th, 1858. Having suffered for fifteen years with Dyspepsia, in its worst form, and having consulted with the best physicians, and tried everything recommended without relief, I was induced to try the OXYGENATED BITTERS, and before I had taken one bottle I found myself much better, and continued taking them until I was entirely cured, and now enjoy as good health as I ever did in my life. I take pleasure in recommending them to all who are similarly afflicted.

JAS. LANGSHORE. The "Oxygenated Bitters" are sold in California by Henry Johnson & Co., Redington & Co., and Chas. Morrill, San Francisco; R. H. McDonald & Co., and Chas. Morrill & Co., Sacramento; Rice & Coffin, Marysville; Smith & Davis, Portland, Oregon. d21-ly

BOOKS! NOW OPENING AT

HIBBEN & CARSWELL'S, A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF Standard and Miscellaneous Books, —COMPRISING— A LARGER NUMBER OF VOLUMES, and upon a greater variety of subjects, than has ever yet appeared in this market. Those interested are respectfully invited to call and feast their eyes to their heart's content—Gratis—at NOVELS in abundance for those who like to read them. d20 is.

James G. Poston, Late in the employ of Spörborg & Co. ACCOUNTANT, COLLECTOR, CONVEYANCER, HOUSE AND LAND AGENT, etc., etc. Office (pro. tem.) in the building lately occupied by Spörborg & Co., Wharf street. d21 1t

TENNANT'S STRONG ALE IN BULK, JUST RECEIVED EX BRIG GLENCOE. 15 hds Tennant's Superior XXX Ale, 15 bbls do For sale in lots to suit. J. J. SOUTHWATE & Co., Wharf street. d19 2w

I. N. JEFFERIES, SIGN PAINTER, YATES STREET, Importer and Dealer in

PAINTS, OILS, WINDOW-GLASS, Varnish, Turpentine, Glue, White Lead, Brushes, Gold Moulding, etc. d7

EX "ALMA" FROM LONDON! A LARGE AND VERY SUPERIOR assortment of gentlemen's English and Scotch made CLOTHING; Shirts, Gloves, Neck Ties, etc. For sale by STEWART, MELDRUM & CO. d27

NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION. THE CO-PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between G. B. Wright, J. H. Scott, and U. Nelson, under the style of WRIGHT, SCOTT & NELSON, is this day dissolved—J. H. Scott retiring from the firm. The business in future will be conducted by the undersigned under the name of WRIGHT & NELSON, who will also assume all the debts and credits of the former concern. G. B. WRIGHT, U. NELSON. Port Douglas, December 1st, 1860. d41 1m

WANTED. THE ADVERTISER IS DESIROUS OF obtaining an engagement as CLERK, either in a Law Office or Counting House, in which he has had considerable experience. Satisfactory references can be given. Address A. B., office of this paper. d20 1m

DISSOLUTION. THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the style of MARCHAND J. & Co., Assayers, is this day dissolved; J. M. Marchand, having purchased the interest of Mr. A. Marchand, will continue the business as successors, under the firm and style of Robertson & Laurion. J. M. ROBERTSON, J. J. LAURION. jnl 1m

NOTARY PUBLIC. MR. DRAKE, 63 GOVERNMENT Street, has received the appointment of Notary Public for these Colonies. d25 2m

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. FRIED, SOLE AGENT FOR GROVER & BAKER'S FIRST PREMIUM NOISELESS FAMILY SEWING MACHINES, IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND, No. 21 Yates street, VICTORIA. Call and examine for yourselves. jnl 1m

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EX "VICKERY." 25 HALF-BASKETS DELBECK AND BERGH'S Champagne, pony bottles (a choice Wine.) 10 1/2 bbls Bower's XXX Old Bourbon Whisky, Old Virginia Peach Brandy, cases half gall bottles, a superior article. For sale by RYCKMAN & MARKS, Wharf, opposite Yates street. j33 1t

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS. Just Received per Express FROM THE SHAKER'S GARDEN, NEW YORK, A LARGE STOCK OF GARDEN SEEDS, —OF— This Years' Growth. CURTIS & MOORE, Druggists, Yates street. d18 1m

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EX "SANTA CRUZ." WINDOW GLASS, WHITE LEAD, (English and American) PAINTS, OILS, COLORS, (ground and dry) CAMPHENE, &c. On sale by W. M. SEARBY, Government street, near Theatre. d19 1m

SALMON! SALMON! SALMON! 200 BBLN. NEW FRASER BEVERIDGE SALMON, in due order, for sale by JANION & GREEN. d41

GROCERIES, ETC.

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J. W. Tripp & Co, Dealers in Oregon Produce, Corner of Government and Johnson Streets, Have constantly on hand BACON, HAMS, BUTTER AND EGGS. PER SANTA CRUZ, A LARGE LOT —OF— POULTRY, Comprising GEESE, TURKIES, CHICKENS, &c. —ALSO— An excellent lot of FRUIT TREES Of all kinds, selected expressly for this market from the best Nurseries in Oregon. d21 1t

LESTER & GIBBS HAVE JUST RECEIVED EX "W. B. SCRAN TON," and recent arrivals: 50 boxes Candles; 100 bbls Self-Rising & Golden Gate Flour; 3000 lbs Bacon (choice); 25 firkins Hope Butter; 20 sacks Java Coffee; 25 sacks Rio Coffee; 10 chests superior Black Tea; 20 bbls Crushed Sugar; Lobsters: Oysters; Worcester Sauce; J. & H. Lard; Pickles; Straps, &c. In store and for sale at low rates by LESTER & GIBBS, Yates street, near Waddington. N. B.—A choice lot of Fresh Butter for Family use. jnl-1t

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BLANKETS! BLANKETS!! BALES 2 1/2 POINT WHITE BLANKETS, just received and for sale by JANION & GREEN. d21 1m

PIANO FORTES.—Two superior London made Piano Fortes; for sale by JANION & GREEN. d68

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BUREAUS, CHAIRS AND ROCKING CHAIRS, for sale by P. M. BACKUS, Yates street. d21

BRANDY IN FLASKS. JUST RECEIVED, A FEW CASES OF BRANDY in wicker flasks, expressly put up for packing and use in the mines. JANION & GREEN. d21 1m

EX "ALMA." Bottled Porter! Bottled Porter!! 200 CASES TAYLOR & CO'S CELEBRATED Porter, in splendid order. For sale by JANION & GREEN. jnl

EX "ALMA." HHDN. BURTON ALE IN FINE CONDITION: Fine Old Jamaica Rum, in 1 doz. cases and octaves; Fine Pale Brandy, 1 doz. cases and 4 casks; Nicholson's Old Tom, 1 do; Qr. casks Fine Pale Sherry; Qr. casks Old Port. For sale by JANION & GREEN. jnl

ENGLISH HAMS AND BACON. A FEW CASES PRIME NEW YORK. PURE HAMS AND BACON, just received and for sale by JANION & GREEN. d21 1m

Cigars Just Received. REGALIA BRITANICA FIGARO; Do do Riquena Cubana; Do do Maria Luiza; Do do El Deberet; Do do Flor de Lopez & Torre; Do do La Urania; Do do S. Jago Pardo. For sale at G. VIGNOLO'S, Johnson st., opposite the Wharf. d40 1m

FOR SALE. 1000 GALLONS CAMPHENE, IN lots to suit. J. J. SOUTHWATE & Co., Wharf street. d22 1m

SAMUEL PRICE & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Corner of Wharf and Johnson streets, VICTORIA, V. I. Yates street. offers for sale, cheap. HARDWARE, Agricultural Implements, Bar Iron, Steel & Iron-Mongery, STOVE & TINWARE of every description. Glass and Crockery Ware, Wood and Willow Ware, &c. &c. d16

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TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and so charged.

Tuesday Morning, Jan. 8, 1861.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Communications of general interest to the public, will not be refused insertion in the COLONIST on account of differing with the views of the paper, provided that they are brief and to the point.

Notice to Subscribers.

Subscribers to the DAILY or WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST, in British Columbia or Washington Territory, are hereby notified that on and after this date all papers will be sent by MAIL, unless specially ordered by some other conveyance.

The Gunpowder Magazine.

We would like to know when the powder magazine will be removed? Beyond a talk in the Assembly and the construction of a new magazine on paper, not a thing has been done, so far as we can learn, for the protection of the lives and property of our citizens. True, a sentinel has been placed over the magazine. But what sentinel is placed over the neighboring houses within a few feet of the magazine? There is none. Were a fire to occur—and it may at any moment—what fire company, what citizen, would be foolhardy enough to risk his life alongside a combustible that may accidentally explode at any moment. We cannot but look upon the torpidity of the government respecting the removal of the powder, as an act of criminal neglect. The last Grand Jury were equally oblivious. They went off duty, not caring, apparently, whether the magazine went off or not. Why should they care? The sacrifice of a few wooden and brick houses, and the shattering of a large number more would be a mere nothing in such a clay-bottomed and wooded topped country as ours. Human life, notoriously cheap on this side of the continent, is likely to be still cheaper for all the Grand Jury or Executive cares. Life may be too scarce to render trade as brisk and as large as we would like; yet our government is willing to take the risk of getting rid of a few more of its citizens, rather than bestir itself to move the powder out of town; or it is probably favorable to giving them a chance to smell brimstone before they sight the portals of "Kingdom Come." That powder must be removed,—and removed at once. Procrastination cannot be allowed. If the authorities will not act, we recommend our citizens to club together and dump the powder into the harbor, if it is too much trouble to carry it out of town. Such a mode would abate the dangerous nuisance speedily and satisfactorily, although it might be startling to the nerves of some people.

CAYOOSH.—The town of Cayoosh, in British Columbia, is situated at the terminus of the Harrison-Lillooet trail, on Fraser River, and about sixty miles above Lytton City, but on the opposite or east side of that stream. The town at present contains about 350 souls, most of whom are wintering there with the intention of starting for the upper country as soon as the first sign of a "break up" in the cold weather is given. The town is growing rapidly, and new houses are daily being erected. Several families have taken up their abode within the limits of the town since last spring. On the opposite side of the Fraser is a small hamlet known as Parsowville, which was started as an opposition town. It is at Parsowville that the pack-trains stop on their arrival from Cariboo; and during last summer, it contained several dwellings and stores. Now, however, since the winter has set in, it has gradually dwindled down to one store, kept by a merchant named Neufelder. It is thought that when the bridge is built, the packers will go direct to Seton Lake for their goods. The point at which the crossing will be made is above Bridge River and four miles above Cayoosh, consequently both Fraser and Bridge Rivers will have to be crossed to reach the town. The question now agitating the Cayooshites is, whether they had not better move higher up the river, so as to catch the travel over this bridge, and thereby prevent the mule-owners from going to Seton. Considerable mining is going on in the vicinity of the town, and preparations are making for washing off the whole flat. The town was named by Chief Justice Begbie, from a tribe of Indians known as the Cayooshes, during his first visit to the locality in the Spring of 1859.

IMPORTATION OF TOBACCO INTO ENGLAND.—According to the trade and navigation returns just issued, there has been a large increase in the importation of tobacco. In the nine months ending the 30th of September last, there were 2,193,265 lbs of stemmed tobacco imported, 9,399,621 lbs of unstemmed, and 1,823,247 lbs of manufactured and snuff, against 2,159,266 lbs of stemmed, 7,717,820 lbs of unstemmed, and 1,170,853 lbs of manufactured and snuff in the same period in the preceding year.

COTTON.—Cotton is still king. Late statistics show that five million persons are supported in England by cotton—that thirty million spindles are employed in the production of the yarn; and that the capital absorbed exceeds \$750,000,000. Four-fifths of the cotton consumed in England—800,000,000 pounds—is American.

Shipment of Gold Dust.

The following is a statement of the total shipment of gold from Victoria, V. I., to San Francisco, from August, 1858, to the 1st of January, 1860:

Table with columns for date, amount, and total. Includes entries for Wells, Fargo & Co., Per Wells, Fargo & Co., and Total for 1858-59.

Table with columns for month, amount, and total. Lists months from January to December for 1860.

Table with columns for amount shipped, 1858, 1859, and 1860. Total shipment is \$2,852,398.

Shipping.

Statement of Vessels Entered at the Port of Victoria, V. I., during the month of December, 1860:

Table with columns for ship name, type, origin, and tonnage. Lists vessels like Port Townsend, N. Westminister, San Francisco, etc.

Statement of Vessels Cleared at the Port of Victoria, V. I., during the month of December, 1860:

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HORRIBLE BRUTALITY.—We find in the English papers an account of admissions made by the students at the great French Veterinary School at Alfort, to Dr. Fraser, concerning the continued practice of horse torture at that school.

CALIFORNIA SHIPMENTS FROM EASTERN PORTS.—In consequence of the immense production of California, a constant decline of shipments from the Atlantic ports is now seen. The decline has even been more marked from New York than from Boston, as a year or two since that city sent three times the number of vessels that sailed from this port, and now it sends only twice the number.

How many years, we wonder, will elapse before some California paper will make the same remark about Victoria?

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To Wreckers. \$5 REWARD.

I HEREBY OFFER THE ABOVE REWARD to any person who shall recover from the wreck of the SANNETTE, and deliver to the Underwriters Agents, within two weeks from this date, my Diploma and Certificate of Qualification from the Board of Examiners of the International Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Raffle. THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, AT 8 o'clock, at Mr. J. D. CARROLL'S Saloon, Yates street, the celebrated RACING HORSE "NIGGER." Fifty Chances, at \$5 each.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE. I HEREBY GIVE TO ALL OWNERS of Goods who have stored with Mr. NORRIS, in the Clipper Warehouse, that they must be taken away THIS DAY (Tuesday), as Mr. Norris has given up the said Warehouse to the undersigned, and it has been let to Mr. KELLEY, Hardware dealer, who takes possession on the 9th inst.

NOTICE. A GENERAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the British Columbia and Victoria Steam Navigation Company, will be held THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at the Office of Sam'l. Price & Co., at half-past 7 P. M. By order of the Chairman. JAMES N. THAIN, Secretary.

Horse Raffle. THE THROWING FOR THE SPLENDID SPAN OF HORSES, Will Commence at 9 o'clock THIS EVENING, AT THE American Saloon.

Wm. Culverwell's GENERAL AGENCY For the Collection of Rents and Debts, AND FOR THE Leasing of Houses and Lands.

ALL PARTIES HAVING RECEIVED Goods from the wreck of the Bark Nanette, are required to deliver them at the Wharf of the Hudson Bay Co., at Victoria, with all diligence. Any party failing to do so will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law.

LANDING EX BARK "ALMA" FROM LONDON. 100 CASES 4 DOZ EACH, BYASS' London Porter, 25 cases 8 doz each, (pints) London Porter, 25 cases Orange Bitters.

Holiday Books! A FINE COLLECTION OF HANDSOMELY BOUND AND ILLUSTRATED GIFT BOOKS, Appropriate for Christmas and New Year's Presents.

Elegant Family 4to Bibles. Juvenile Books. CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS, ANNUALS, etc., etc. HIBBEN & CARSWELL, STATIONERS' HALL.

DR. CLERJON, FROM PARIS, Physician, Surgeon and Accoucheur, Government street, between Yates and Johnson, in the Yard opposite Washington Restaurant.

Royal Hotel Restaurant. JONES & BENNETT BEG TO INFORM THEIR FRIENDS and the public that they have opened the above Restaurant in the best style, and it is now equal to the 12th, at the above office. None but those so signing will be entitled to vote.

DOCTOR KENNEDY, A. M. Physician, Surgeon AND ACCOUCHEUR, FROM HIS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE in the treatment of Diseases in Europe, British America, and on the Pacific Coast, Dr. Kennedy is confident of giving satisfaction to those requiring his services in the various branches of his Profession.

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THE CELEBRATED JAPANESE SALVE For sale by the Agents, CURTIS & MOORE, Druggist, Yates street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION. THIS DAY, TUESDAY, January 8, 1861, At 11 o'clock, A. M. J. A. MCCREA, Auctioneer, WILL SELL On the Wharf of Messrs. Sam'l Price & Co., IN GOOD ORDER, EX SHIP "ALMA."

Consisting in part of— Extensive Looking Glasses, Surveyor's Chains, English Revolvers, Belts and Holders, Percussion Caps, 30 tons Smith Coals

FURNITURE, Bureaus, Book Cases, Lounges, etc. TAKE NOTICE. BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE ALMA, FROM LONDON, A SUPERIOR LOT OF BALTIC SHIRTS, The Finest that has been exhibited in this City.

LADIES' BALMORAL STOCKINGS, Gentlemen's Heavy Balmoral Undershirts and Drawers. Heavy white Saxony Wool Undershirts, double breasted. Shetland Undershirts and Drawers.

A Full Assortment of Neck Ties. Stout Aberdeen and Shetland Hose. A Full Assortment of Gentlemen's Silk Handkerchiefs.

GENTLEMEN'S GLOVES Ever exhibited in Victoria, comprising Gents' O. S. Fur Gloves, lined; Gents' O. S. Seal Skin Gloves, lined;

Ladies' O. S. White Norway Gauntlets, for driving; Gents' Mock Gauntlets; Gents' Ringwood Gauntlets, lined;

Gents' Ringwood Gloves; Gents' Stout Aberdeen Gloves, lined; Gents' Buck Gloves, scarlet lined; Gents' Wash. Norway Buck Gloves;

Gents' Cloth Mixed Costa Gloves; Gents' Twill'd Fringe Gloves; Gents' Patent Mode Gloves. Ladies should call soon and examine those Lady Franklin Gloves.

Baltic Shirts, Which are a certain cure; also, the heavy Saxony Wool Drawers. I have Drawers that will fit gentlemen standing from six to seven feet in height. Also, a full assortment of DRESS WHITE SHIRTS.

Gentlemen's Night Shirts. A full assortment of Scotch Tartan Knit Hose. All of which Goods I shall offer cheap for cash, CALL AND EXAMINE AT N. POINTER'S, Government st., two doors south of the Post Office. 3rd 1m

ASSAY OFFICE. A. MARCHAND, Formerly of the Firm of Marchand & Co., Assayers. BEGS TO RETURN HIS THANKS TO the business public, for the many favors he has received from them, during his connection with the late firm, and would respectfully announce that he will open an Office for the Assaying of Gold, Silver and other Ores, on the 15th inst. in Macdonald's old Banking House, under the name and style of MARCHAND & CO.

Victoria Coal Company. COAL AND WOOD. THE PRICE OF COAL IN QUANTITIES of One Ton and upwards, including drainage and portage, will from this date be ELEVEN DOLLARS PER TON. JOHN T. LITTLE & CO., Agents, City Wharf, foot of Yates street. 3rd 1m 2p

Miners' Restaurant, WASHINGTON ALLEY, BETWEEN YATES AND JOHNSON STREETS. THE PUBLIC ARE INFORMED THAT this well known Restaurant has been entirely refitted and furnished, and is now open for custom. Board and Lodgings per week \$7 00 Best of Wines and Cigars constantly on hand. All my old friends and customers are invited to give me a call and partake of a dish of HAGGIS. 5th 3m FRANCOIS FABRE.

Wright & Sanders, ARCHITECTS, Office: Yates Street, Victoria. Over N. Moore & Co's Dry Goods Store d24

FRUIT TREES, 3000 APPLES OF THE MOST choice varieties, for sale cheap. Apply to JAS. C. POSTON, Wharf street. 3rd 1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE FIRST GRAND FIREMEN'S BALL, Will be given by Deluge Engine Company No. 1 On THURSDAY, Jan. 24, 1861, By Special permission Under the patronage of His Excellency GOVERNOR DOUGLAS, AT ROBINSON'S VICTORIA THEATRE.

Committee of Arrangements: J. DICKSON, A. WASHINGTON, A. CLINE, J. S. DRUMMOND, E. METCALF, J. WILCOX, J. MARTIN.

DELUGE ENGINE COMPANY Reception Committee: A. Waddington, G. L. Seymour, O. Hoeking, H. Shipper. UNION HOOK AND LADDER CO.: D. A. Edgar, William Walls.

TIGER ENGINE CO.: Capt. John Thain, E. Coker. Floor Committee: DELUGE ENGINE COMPANY: J. S. Drummond, C. B. Young, J. M. Robertson, H. Valentiner.

UNION HOOK AND LADDER CO.: E. H. Jackson. TIGER ENGINE CO.: S. Kelley. J. B. ROBINSON, FLOOR CONDUCTOR. TICKETS—Six Dollars, to be had of either of the Committee of Arrangements. 3rd 1t

Liquors, Liquors, Liquors. JUST RECEIVED. Ex Scanton, Vicky and Glencoe. 10 1-4 CASES JAS. HENNESSY'S 3 puns Jamaica Rum, 10 1/2 cks Brandy, various brands now in use, 100 cases California Wine, various vintages. All of the above liquors have been selected with great care for first class trade, and will be sold low by Johnson street, opposite Wharf street, Victoria. (d20 1m2p) W. H. OLIVER.

Ryckman & Marks, Wholesale Dealers and Importers OF WINES and LIQUORS, Wharf, Opposite Yates Street. OFFER FOR SALE JAS. HENNESSY'S FINE PALE Brandy, Vintage 1856, Otard Dupuy's do do Vintage 1857, Ed. J. uin's do do Vintage 1858, Alex. Segnette's Brandy, in qrts and eight, Martet & Co.'s Brandy, do do Old Jamaica Rum, do do Harvey's Scotch Whisky, Old Magnolia Whisky (Bourbon), Bower's XXX Whisky do Superior Old Tom Gin, do Hoffman's Gin, do do St. Croix Rum, Choice Old Port Wine, do Sherry do Claret in case (Chateau La Rose and J. Durand) do in bulk, fine article. Champagne, (E. C. Binet,) qrts and pnts, do (Louis Lareux) do do (Delbeck & Berglin's) pony size, Sachem, Boker's, Leslie's, Selner's Morning Call, Hostetter's Sedalia and Orange Pitters, Sarsaparilla, Cider, Schnapps, Wornwood Old Q. Brandy, etc., etc., etc.

4 bales Choice Hops. For sale low by RYCKMAN & MARKS, Wharf street. 3rd 1t

Lumber, Lime, Building Stone BRICK, &C. 20 M FT. ASSORTED RED WOOD LUMBER, 20 M Ft. T. and G. Flooring, 10 M Ft. Cedar, 200 bbls V. I. Lime, 100 tons S. F. Building Stone, 100 M Brick, For Sale by JOHN T. LITTLE & CO., City Wharf, foot Yates st. 3rd 1m2p

EDGAR DEWDNEY, Auctioneer, Surveyor, Architect, and Land Agent, COLUMBIA STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER. Orders promptly attended to d17 6m

INSTRUCTION IN SPANISH. A GENTLEMAN LATELY ARRIVED in Victoria, from South America, and having a thorough knowledge of the Spanish language is desirous of forming an EVENING SPANISH CLASS on three evenings in the week, from 7 to 9 o'clock, P. M. The lessons could be given on any days in the week agreed upon by the pupils. For particulars inquire at the "COLONIST" Office, or at the Wharf Office, City Wharf, at the foot of Yates street. d29 1m

S. DUCK, Wheelwright & Carriage Maker, At T. CAMERON'S, (Blacksmith,) Cormorant street. Orders punctually attended to, and all work warranted good. dcl 6m

Sugar, Molasses, Salt. 25 TONS S. I. SALT, Sugar in kegs and bbls, Molasses in kegs and bbls. For Sale by JOHN T. LITTLE & CO., Commission Merchant, Wharf st. 3rd 1m

A Fine English Sextant BELONGING TO A LATE MASTER IN Her Majesty's Service, by one of the best makers, for sale by P. M. BACKUS, Yates street. d21

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS. JUST OPENED AND FOR SALE, a fine lot of German Tin Toys by P. M. BACKUS, Yates street. d21

J. J. SOUTHGATE & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Albert Wharf, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND And Battery street, San Francisco, California. d11 t

SELM FRANKLIN & CO., AUCTIONEERS AND LAND AGENTS, Yates street, Victoria. Town Lots in Victoria and Esquimalt, and Farming Lands, Merchandise, &c., disposed of by private or public sale. Deeds, Mortgages, &c., prepared by W. THORNTON, Conveyancer. 3rd 1t

